

REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted concurrently with a request for continued examination.

It is respectfully submitted that the prior art references of record do not teach or suggest, or render obvious the claimed combination for at least the reason that the amended claims require, in combination with the other elements specified in the claims, an internal routing label that specifies both a packet type and an address of a circuit, where the address of the circuit is the address of the circuit pushing the label onto a label stack if the packet is of one type destined for a control circuit and is the address of a destination circuit if the packet type is a second type.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the remarks above, is respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees due but not submitted with this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-0153. If any issues remain that the Examiner feels could be addressed by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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